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**AMENDMENT TO H.R.
OFFERED BY MR. WAXMAN**

At the end of title X, add the following new title:

1 Title XI—GLOBAL WARMING

2 SEC. 10001. FINDINGS.

3 The Congress finds that:

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5 W. Bush released a campaign document entitled "A
6 Comprehensive National Energy Policy" in which he
7 promised to support mandatory reductions in CO₂
8 emissions from powerplants. The document criticized
9 Vice President Gore because he "has only proposed
10 offering incentives to electric utilities that volun-
11 tarily reduce their emissions." In the second Presi-
12 dential debate, Gov. Bush emphasized his support
13 for "mandatory emission standards." Contrary to,
14 these statements, President Bush announced on
15 March 13, 2001, "I do not believe, however, that the
16 government should impose on power plants manda-
17 tory emissions reductions for carbon dioxide."

18 (2) In March 2001, President George W. Bush
19 rejected the Kyoto Protocol.

20 (3) Despite these steps, President George W.
21 Bush has affirmed "My Administration takes the
22 issue of global climate change very seriously."



1 (4) President George W. Bush stated on June
2 11, 2001 "The Earth's well-being is also an issue
3 important to America. And it's an issue that should
4 be important to every nation in every part of our
5 world. The issue of climate change respects no bor-
6 der. Its effects cannot be reined in by an army nor
7 advanced by any ideology. Climate change, with its
8 potential to impact every corner of the world, is an
9 issue that must be addressed by the world."

10 (5) Secretary of State Colin Powell has stated
11 "We know that global warming is a challenge. The
12 United States is not running away from that chal-
13 lenge."

14 (6) On February 14, 2002, President Bush an-
15 nounced the Clear Skies and Global Climate Change
16 Initiatives. President Bush stated: "[W]e must ad-
17 dress the issue of global climate change. We must
18 also act in a serious and responsible way, given the
19 scientific uncertainties. While these uncertainties re-
20 main, we can begin now to address the human fac-
21 tors that contribute to climate change. Wise action
22 now is an insurance policy against future risks."

23 (7) On February 14, 2002, President Bush
24 stated: "I reaffirm America's commitment to the
25 United Nations Framework Convention and it's cen-



1 tral goal, to stabilize atmospheric greenhouse gas
2 concentrations at a level that will prevent dangerous
3 human interference with the climate.”.

4 (8) On February 14, 2002, President Bush an-
5 nounced a voluntary program to reduce the nation's
6 greenhouse gas intensity by 18 percent over the next
7 10 years.

8 **SEC. 10002. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

9 (a) REAFFIRMATION.—Congress reaffirms America's
10 commitment to the United Nations Framework Conven-
11 tion and it's central goal, to stabilize atmospheric green-
12 house gas concentrations at a level that will prevent dan-
13 gerous human interference with the climate.

14 (b) SUPPORT.—Congress supports efforts by the
15 President to reduce the carbon intensity of the United
16 States by 18 percent by 2012.

17 **SEC. 10003. IMPLEMENTATION.**

18 (a) VOLUNTARY PROGRAM.—The President shall es-
19 tablish a voluntary program to reduce the carbon intensity
20 of the United States by 18 percent by 2012.

21 (b) AUTHORITY.—In carrying out the requirement in
22 subsection (a), the President may use any authority of law
23 which existed prior to the date of enactment of this sub-
24 title. This subtitle does not grant any new regulatory au-
25 thority to the President.

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